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Egg prices trended lower throughout the period and ranged from unchanged to sharply lower. The trade sentiment was steady to weak, mostly weak. Demand was uneven and ranged from poor to moderate, mostly light, and features were planned in many areas to stimulate additional interest. Supplies were adequate to ample, mostly ample. Breaking stock prices declined throughout the period. Trading and demand remained light during this period. Breakers bidding lower and unwilling to take on additional product above regular commitments due to sluggish finished product sales and generally lower prices. Trade sentiment weak. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample. The market tone barely steady.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	103-113	95-105	70-76
New York	70-72	67-70	58-61
Philadelphia	68-83	66-81	57-69.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	72-73	70.5-72	60-61
Jackson (1)	80-81	79-80	69-70
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	77-92	76-90	66-80
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	61-66	60-65	51-56
Detroit (2)	68-71	67-69	57-61
Major Ohio Cities (2)	67-76.5	66-75	56-64
Major Wisconsin Cities	70-77	68-75	59-66
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	85-88	83-85	73-75
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	104	98	89

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Jan-99
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	84.15	81.77	70.98
SOUTHERN	86.37	85.24	73.65
MIDWEST	77.82	76.48	66.42
WESTERN	107.27	103.73	90.47
TWELVE METRO AREAS	91.30	88.83	77.25

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	02-02-99	1-26-99	02-03-98
Large	49-51	57-59	55-57
Medium	39-41	46-48	36-38

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Feb. 01, 1998
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.3	9.7	5.2	7.0	11.0	41.2
	Change	0.7	2.3	0.1	-1.5	1.3	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.6	22.3	8.9	17.6	17.8	94.2
	Change	1.5	5.1	0.9	2.8	3.5	17%
Large	Curr Wk	44.4	65.6	43.0	65.8	80.0	298.8
	Change	-2.1	13.4	6.2	7.3	8.3	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.0	22.1	14.8	18.8	18.8	90.5
	Change	4.9	4.4	2.6	6.9	4.3	34%
Small	Curr Wk	2.5	7.1	1.5	4.2	6.8	22.1
	Change	-1.1	1.5	-0.1	0.6	0.6	7%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.9	16.8	10.6	6.0	5.2	43.5
	Change	0.2	3.8	0.0	-0.6	-0.1	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	32.5	50.5	9.1	31.1	41.4	164.6
	Change	6.7	-5.3	-2.6	4.6	5.6	6%
Total	Curr Wk	136.2	194.1	93.1	150.5	181.0	754.9
Percent	Change	9%	15%	8%	15%	15%	13%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	754.9	13%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	394.4	-4%	38
Total Shell Egg	1,149.3	6%	204

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 30-JAN-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)			(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)		
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
C W	1,010,696	22,531	10,682	5,860	2,254	3,161
P W	990,263	21,841	9,804	5,729	2,783	3,474
L Y	983,671	21,477	10,457	5,766	2,718	3,327
% P W	2	3	9	2	-19	-9
% L Y	3	5	2	2	-17	-5
1999	4,114,383	93,668	39,764	22,697	10,591	13,156
1998	4,079,055	87,180	43,972	24,151	11,230	13,586
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
	41.79	41.25	41.71			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 30-Jan-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	247.9	-1	1
E.N. CENTRAL	398.4	-3	-9
W.N. CENTRAL	216.1	-4	-9
S. ATLANTIC	232.4	12	10
S. CENTRAL	82.4	1	10
WEST	221.5	-2	6
TOTAL	1,398.7	0	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		100	98

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Jan 23	Jan 30	Jan 23	Jan 30
	Thousand			
AL	*25,967	26,181	*18,588	19,272
AR	29,374	29,800	25,140	23,509
DE	3,963	4,250	*5,646	4,694
FL	2,466	2,698	2,598	2,435
GA	*31,323	30,870	*25,687	24,811
MD	8,652	8,414	*5,341	6,026
MS	*17,832	17,834	*15,088	14,779
NC	*17,326	17,775	*13,334	13,347
PA	3,602	3,644	*2,757	2,797
SC	4,372	4,576	3,365	3,886
TX	13,101	12,799	10,053	9,958
VA	6,442	6,585	*5,465	5,449
CA, TN, & WV	10,856	10,678	*8,913	9,383
15 State Total	*175,276	176,104	*141,975	140,346
Previous Year	170,241	168,706	138,486	137,023
Pct. of Prev.	103	104	103	102

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 13-Mar-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 149.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 149.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 145.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 144.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.08 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 01/28/99-02/03/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	52.08	56.75	51.40	53.40	57.00	—	27.00
GNR W 2	—	—	41.50	43.00	—	—	9.00
GNR W 3	—	42.50	—	—	39.00	41.50	7.00
GL W XL	—	53.00	47.00	49.67	44.37	46.67	18.00
GL W LG	—	54.71	48.25	51.60	49.55	—	27.50
GL W MD	—	—	45.00	48.39	39.75	37.00	13.50
GL W SM	—	—	34.50	35.75	33.88	—	7.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	34.75	36.56	6.00
NRBS - 48	32.00	33.80	39.00	40.50	34.59	37.28	28.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 30-Jan-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	30.6	29.8	3	5
BOSTON	10.7	10.8	-1	-5
CHICAGO	37.4	56.4	-34	-33
DETROIT	29.9	26.9	11	8
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	79.7	79.0	1	-5
NEW ORLEANS	14.0	13.7	2	47
NEW YORK	40.3	40.2	0	-12
ST. LOUIS	1.6	1.6	0	-27
SAN FRANCISCO	21.1	21.0	0	0
TOTAL	265.4	279.5	-5	-7
4 WK MVG AVG	287.3			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 23-Jan-98

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	4,613	23	4,636
AVGWT	0.00	27.57	26.57	27.57
LAST WEEK	0	4,235	21	4,256
SAME WEEK YR AGO	8	4,448	12	4,468
AVGWT	6.63	26.07 (A)	28.00	26.04
TO-DATE/1999	0	13,444 (A)	56	13,500
TO-DATE/1998	8	14,186 (A)	72	14,266

(A) Includes 37,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 47,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS BY

GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 23-Jan-99

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND		AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			
							WT
N EAST	1,368	32	20.71	(A)	(A)	1,369	20.73
S ATL	847	68	32.78	(A)	(A)	859	32.66
N CENT	1,982	22	31.22	(A)	(A)	1,986	31.20
S CENT	193	-66	15.90	NONE	NONE	193	15.90
WEST	223	-55	27.54	(A)	(A)	229	27.59
U.S.TOTAL	4,613(B)	9	27.57	0	23	4,636	27.57
TO DATE							
1999	13,444(B)			0	56	13,500	
TO DATE							
1998	14,186(B)			8	72	14,266	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 11,000 for the year 37,000; last year to date 47,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 30-Jan-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	149,667(A)	2,287	1,378	3,665	481
AVGWT	4.99	3.97	7.89	5.45	6.53
LAST WEEK	144,272	2,408	1,211	3,619	475
YR AGO	145,550	2,087	1,156	3,243	501
AVGWT	4.79	3.37	7.60	4.88	6.53
TO-DATE/1999	604,897	9,083	5,449	14,532	2,011
TO-DATE/1998	590,181	8,339	4,944	13,283	1,876

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 151.5 million head or 0.5 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Jan

	CURRENT WEEK 6-Feb(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 30-Jan
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	153,268(2)	146,201
LT HENS	2,249	2,241
HVY HENS	1,289	1,424
CHECK TOTAL	156,806	149,866

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 6-Feb is 149.4 million head compared to 147.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.1 million head or 5.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 13-Feb-99 the estimated available is 150.0 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER 26	108.1	138.6	78	4.98
JANUARY 2	127.4	140.2	91	4.92
9	157.2	144.0	109	4.89
16	157.5	147.4	107	5.10
23	146.0	150.3	97	5.03
30	151.5	151.0	100	4.99
YEAR TO DATE	612.2	592.7	103	
FEBRUARY 6		149.4		
13		150.0		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
01-Feb-99	25-Jan-99	25-Jan-99	02-Feb-98
58.43	-0.46	58.89	54.55
NUMBER OF LOADS	623		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 2/1-2/6/99.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	47.00-52.00	50.42	46	52.55	77
Los Angeles	68.00	66.85	71	64.59	114
New York	50.00-56.00	53.90	49	56.34	90

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ 8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-62	57	57.00	80
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	55-62	57	57.00	80
CENTRAL REGION	55-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	55-62	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 1-Feb-99	2,639	106,151	79,706
AM 1-Jan-99	3,164	84,711	64,283
CHG	-525	21440	15,423
PCT CHG	-17	25	24

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of December 31, 1998 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on

February 1, 1999 are:

FROZEN EGGS	9 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.08PCT
TURKS	387 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.01PCT
POP	896 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.88PCT

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
2/01/99			
Southeast Heavy	15-22(1)	16-18.5	17.67
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR(2)		
South Central Heavy	17-22(1)	18-20	19.45
1/29/99			
Eastern Light	1-3(1)	1-1.5	
Eastern Light	TFEWR(2)		
So. Central Light	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central Light	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central Light	2(2)		

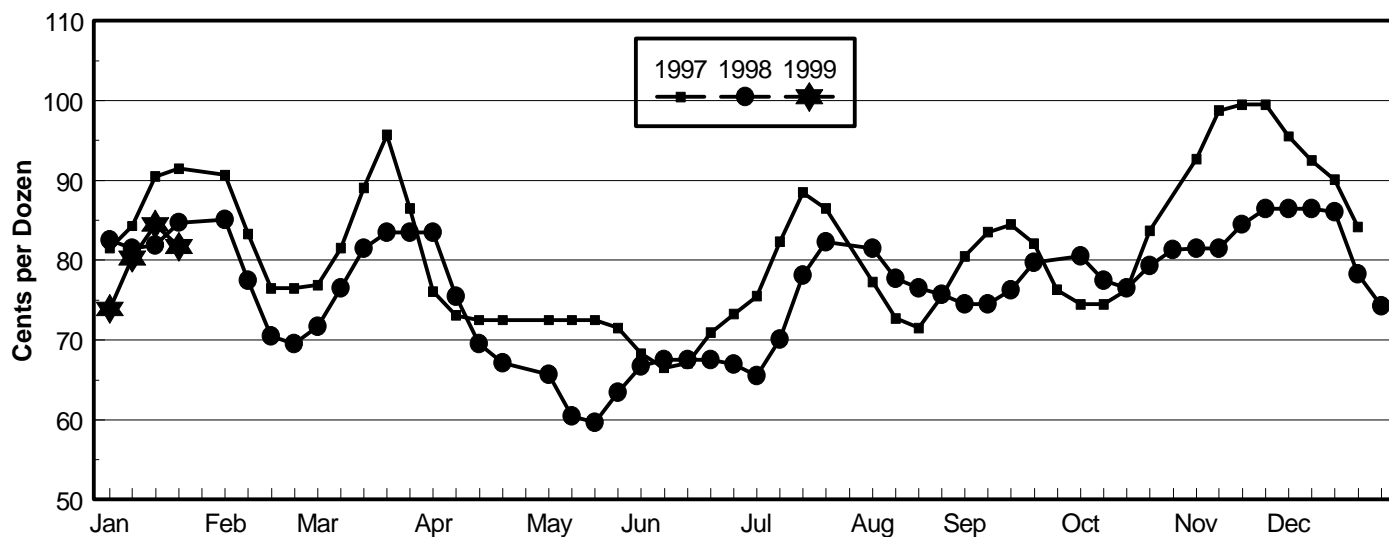
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

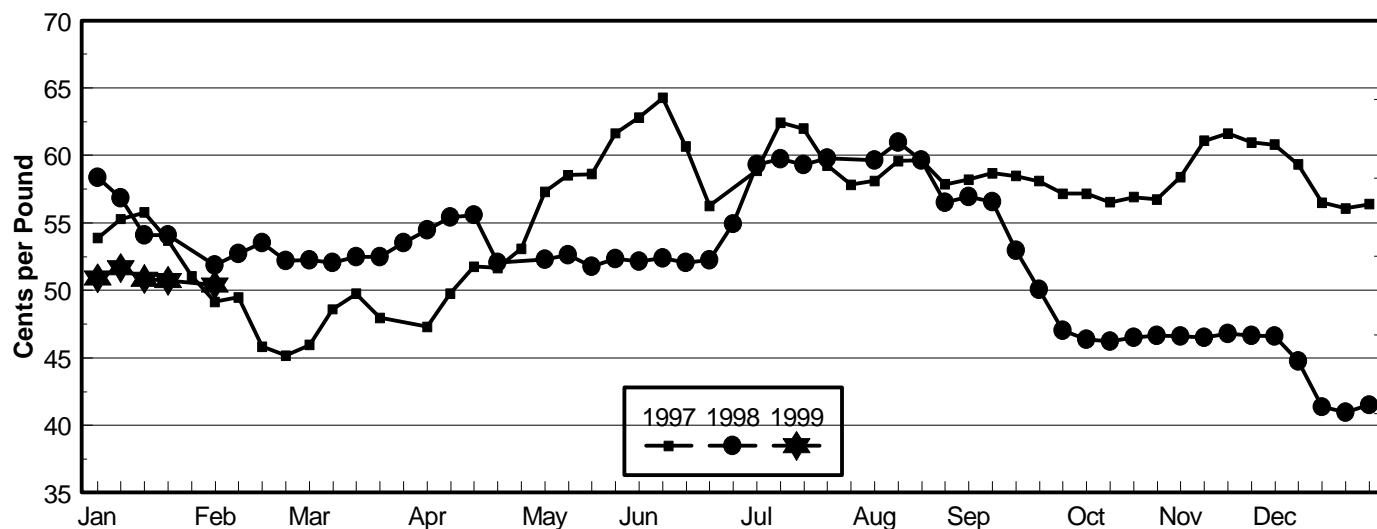
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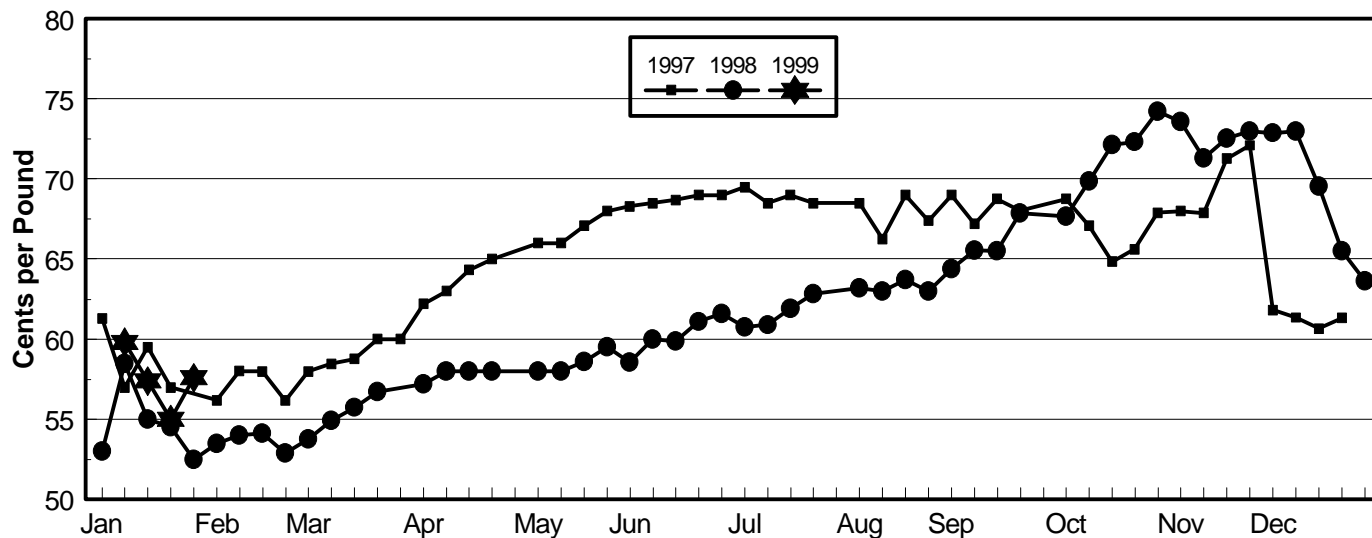
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.